

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (Canceled).

13. (New) A camera apparatus comprising:

a display device for displaying, in a standby state for taking a picture, an optical image of a subject to be photographed;

5 a memory for storing plural photographing condition data corresponding to respective different photographing conditions, and plural sample images representing images of the subject, wherein the plural sample images correspond to the plural photographing condition data, respectively;

10 a selector for selecting one of the sample images stored in the memory in response to a selecting operation;

 a photographing-condition setting unit for setting a photographing condition to the camera apparatus based on the photographing condition data corresponding to the sample image

15 selected by the selector in response to a decision operation; and

 a display controller for controlling the display device to display the sample image corresponding to the photographing condition set by the photographing-condition setting unit together with the optical image of the subject which is picked up by the camera apparatus based on the photographing condition set by the photographing-condition setting unit.

14. (New) The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 13,
wherein the display controller controls the display device to
display the sample image together with the optical image of the
subject for a predetermined period, and then to display only the
5 optical image of the subject after the predetermined period.

15. (New) The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 13,
wherein the selector successively changes the sample image in
response to the selecting operation, and the display controller
controls the display device to display the successively changed
5 sample images, thereby allowing a user to select one of the
sample images from among the successively displayed sample
images.

16. (New) The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 13,
wherein the display controller controls the display device to
display the sample image before the photographing condition is
set by the photographing-condition setting unit, and the selector
5 selects the displayed sample image in response to the selecting
operation.

17. (New) The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 13,
further comprising a selection starting unit for causing the

selector to start selection of the sample image, and wherein the selector restarts selection of the sample image when the
5 selection starting unit causes the selector to start selection of the sample image after the photographing condition has been set by the photographing-condition setting unit.

18. (New) The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 17,
wherein:

the display controller controls the display device to cease displaying the sample image after displaying the sample image for
5 a predetermined period of time;

a judging unit judges whether or not the display controller displays the sample image on the display device, when the selection starting unit has caused the selector to start selection of the sample image; and

10 the display controller controls the display device to display the sample image corresponding to the photographing condition currently set by the photographing-condition setting unit, when the judging unit determines that the sample image is not displayed on the display device.

19. (New) The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 18,
wherein the display controller controls the display device to display another sample image in place of the currently displayed

sample image when the judging unit determines that the sample
5 image is displayed on the display device, and wherein the display
controller controls the display device to display a next sample
image in place of the displayed sample image when the judging
unit determines that the sample image is not displayed on the
display device, whereby the selector allows a user to select the
10 photographing condition again.

20. (New) The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 13,
wherein the display controller controls the display device to
display respective ones of the sample images in response to the
selecting operation of the selector, and wherein the selector
5 selects the sample image from among the displayed sample images.

21. (New) The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 13,
wherein the display controller controls the display device to
display a plurality of the sample images together with the
optical image of the subject.

22. (New) The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 13,
wherein the display controller controls the display device to
display the sample image currently selected by the selector and
another one of the sample images in a manner discernible one from
5 other.

23. (New) The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 13,
wherein the memory stores the plural sample images in a
predetermined storing order, and the display controller controls
the display device to display the sample image selected by the
5 selector and a sample image adjacent to the selected sample image
in the storing order together with the optical image of the
subject.

24. (New) The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 23,
wherein the display controller controls the display device to
display the sample image selected by the selector and the sample
image adjacent to the selected sample image in a manner
5 discernible one from other.

25. (Currently Amended) A camera apparatus comprising:
a display device for displaying, in a standby state for
taking a picture, an optical image of a subject to be
photographed;
5 a memory for storing plural photographing condition data
corresponding to respective different photographing conditions,
and plural additional information data for explaining contents of
the photographing condition data, wherein the plural additional
information data correspond to the plural photographing condition
10 data, respectively;

a selector for selecting one of the plural additional information data stored in the memory in response to a selecting operation;

15 a photographing-condition setting unit for setting a photographing condition to the camera apparatus based on the photographing condition data corresponding to the additional information data selected by the selector in response to a decision operation; and

20 a display controller for controlling the display device to display at least one of the additional information data and a sample image corresponding to the photographing condition set by the photographing-condition setting unit together with the optical image of the subject which is picked up by the camera apparatus based on the photographing condition set by the 25 photographing-condition setting unit.

26. (New) A camera apparatus comprising:

a display device for displaying, in a standby state for taking a picture, an optical image of a subject to be photographed;

5 a memory for storing plural photographing condition data corresponding to respective different photographing conditions, and plural sample images respectively corresponding to the plural photographing condition data;

a display controller for controlling the display device to
10 simultaneously display a plurality of the sample images together
with the optical image of the subject;
a selector for selecting one of the plural sample images
displayed on the display device in response to a selecting
operation; and
15 a photographing-condition setting unit for setting a
photographing condition to the camera apparatus based on the
photographing condition data corresponding to the sample image
selected by the selector.

27. (New) The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 26,
wherein the memory stores the plural sample images in a
predetermined storing order, and the display controller controls
the display device to display the sample image selected by the
5 selector and a sample image adjacent to the selected sample image
in the storing order together with the optical image of the
subject.

28. (New) The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 27,
wherein the display controller controls the display device to
display the sample image selected by the selector and the sample
image adjacent to the selected sample image in a manner
5 discernible one from other.

29. (New) A display method for a camera apparatus which includes a display device and a memory storing plural photographing condition data corresponding to respective different photographing conditions and plural sample images representing images of a subject, wherein the plural sample images correspond to the plural photographing condition data, respectively, said display method comprising:

5 displaying on the display device an optical image of the subject to be photographed, in a standby state for taking a picture;

10 selecting one of the sample images stored in the memory in response to a selecting operation;

15 setting a photographing condition to the camera apparatus based on the photographing condition data corresponding to the sample image selected in response to a decision selecting operation; and

20 controlling the display device to display the sample image corresponding to the set photographing condition together with the optical image of the subject which is picked up by the camera apparatus based on the photographing condition set by the photographing-condition setting unit.

30. (New) A display method for a camera apparatus which includes a display device and a memory storing plural

photographing condition data corresponding to respective
different photographing conditions and plural additional
5 information data for explaining contents of the photographing
condition data, wherein the plural additional information data
correspond to the plural photographing condition data,
respectively, said display method comprising:

10 displaying on the display device an optical image of a
subject to be photographed, in a standby state for taking a
picture;

selecting one of the plural additional information data
stored in the memory in response to a selecting operation;

15 setting a photographing condition to the camera apparatus
based on the photographing condition data corresponding to the
additional information data selected in response to a decision
selecting operation; and

20 controlling the display device to display at least one of
the additional information data and a sample image corresponding
to the set photographing condition set together with the optical
image of the subject which is picked up by the camera apparatus
based on the photographing condition set by the photographing-
condition setting unit.

31. (New) A display method for a camera apparatus which
includes a display device and a memory storing plural

photographing condition data corresponding to respective
different photographing conditions and plural sample images
5 respectively corresponding to the plural photographing condition
data, said display method comprising:

displaying on the display device an optical image of a
subject to be photographed, in a standby state for taking a
picture;

10 controlling the display device to simultaneously display a
plurality of the sample images together with the optical image of
the subject;

selecting one of the plural sample images displayed on the
display device in response to a selecting operation; and

15 setting a photographing condition to the camera apparatus
based on the photographing condition data corresponding to the
selected sample image.

32. (New) A computer readable medium having recorded
thereon a computer program for controlling a camera apparatus,
which includes a display device and a memory storing plural
photographing condition data corresponding to respective
5 different photographing conditions and plural sample images
representing images of a subject, wherein the plural sample
images correspond to the plural photographing condition data,
respectively, to perform functions of:

10 displaying on the display device an optical image of the subject to be photographed, in a standby state for taking a picture;

 selecting one of the sample images stored in the memory in response to a selecting operation;

15 setting a photographing condition to the camera apparatus based on the photographing condition data corresponding to the sample image selected in response to a decision selecting operation; and

20 controlling the display device to display the sample image corresponding to the set photographing condition together with the optical image of the subject which is picked up by the camera apparatus based on the photographing condition set by the photographing-condition setting unit.

33. (New) A computer readable medium having recorded thereon a computer program for controlling a camera apparatus, which includes a display device and a memory storing plural photographing condition data corresponding to respective 5 different photographing conditions and plural additional information data for explaining contents of the photographing condition data, wherein the plural additional information data correspond to the plural photographing condition data, respectively, to perform functions of:

10 displaying on the display device an optical image of a subject to be photographed, in a standby state for taking a picture;

 selecting one of the plural additional information data stored in the memory in response to a selecting operation;

15 setting a photographing condition to the camera apparatus based on the photographing condition data corresponding to the additional information data selected in response to a decision selecting operation; and

 controlling the display device to display at least one of the additional information data and a sample image corresponding to the set photographing condition set together with the optical image of the subject which is picked up by the camera apparatus based on the photographing condition set by the photographing-condition setting unit.

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34. (New) A computer readable medium having recorded thereon a computer program for controlling a camera apparatus, which includes a display device and a memory storing plural photographing condition data corresponding to respective different photographing conditions and plural sample images respectively corresponding to the plural photographing condition data, to perform functions of:

displaying on the display device an optical image of a subject to be photographed, in a standby state for taking a
10 picture;

controlling the display device to simultaneously display a plurality of the sample images together with the optical image of the subject;

selecting one of the plural sample images displayed on the
15 display device in response to a selecting operation; and

setting a photographing condition to the camera apparatus based on the photographing condition data corresponding to the selected sample image.